DR. A. SREENIVASAN : I am quoting from the same report in 'The Hindu' which the hon. Member, who has put the question has quoted.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I thought hon. Members are putting interpellations. They are now offering explanations for their conduct.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன் : ஐயா, இப்படி பகிரங்கமாகப் பொதுமக்களிடம் பலாத்காரத்தைப் பரப்பி அராஜகத்தைத் தூண்டும் செயல்களைத் தடைசெய்ய அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க வேண்டியது அவசியம் என நினைக்கவில்லையா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have already answered that question, Sir. The Government have decided to ignore it.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, ஒரு பேச்சாளர் கடற்கரையிலே பேசிய பேச்சைக் குறித்து இந்த கேள்வி எழும்போது அந்தப் பேச்சுக்குப் பின்னர் அவர் பேசிய பேச்சில் அமைச்சர்களைக் கல்லால் அடிக்கவேண்டுமென்று குறிப்பிடவில்லை என்று கூறியது அமைச்சர் அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Government are not interested in that. Government's attention was drawn to this particular speech and, after examining the whole thing, the Government decided to ignore the thing.

Panchayats and Panchayat Union Councils

* 58 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of (i) Panchayats and (ii) Panchayat Union Councils constituted in the State as on 2nd October 1961?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : There were 12,534 Panchayats and 363 Panchayat Union Councils in the State on 2nd October 1961.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What is the proportion of the revenue that is being spent on the executive establishment of these local bodies?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A separate question may be put, Sir.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact, Sir, that the jeeps supplied to the commissioners of these local bodies, the panchayat Union Councils, are being put to private use?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government have not received any specific complaints. If such complaints are brought to the notice of the Government, then they will take suitable action.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Have the Government taken any decision as to when the next elections to these panchayats and panchayats unions should be held?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have no information, Sir. The question must be addressed to the Hon. Minister concerned.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன்: தலைவர் அவர்களே, இனி அமைக்கப் பட வேண்டிய பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன்கள் ஏதேனும் எண்ணிக்கை யில் கூடியிருக்கின்றனவா? எத்தனை இனி அமைக்கப்பட வேண்டும்?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்ராமன்: இரண்டு பஞ்சாயத்து யூனி யன்கள்தான் இனி அமைக்கப்பட வேண்டியிருக்கின்றன. மற்றவை அமைக்கப்பட்டு விட்டன. ஏப்ரல் 1-ம் தேதி 373 பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன்கள் நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தில் அமைக்கப்பட்டு விட்டன.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that most of the local bodies are not functioning properly due to political factions?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The hon. Member may make it as a comment in the Budget debate.

32 *Spindles spinning units*

* 59 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to introduce 32 spindles spinning units in the Co-operative Sector; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN :

(*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A proposal for the supply of 32 spindles spinning units to the members of Weavers' Co-operatives has been formulated. Under the scheme, it is proposed to introduce 240 units during the Third Five-Year Plan period with Central assistance to the extent of Rs. 8·65 lakhs. The units will be supplied to the members of Weavers' Co-operative Societies selected from the areas where yarn of low counts is used for production of fabrics. The units will be installed in the houses of the members of societies and the yarn spun will be used by the concerned societies. As a preliminary measure, 26 Nos. of 32 spindles units have been sanctioned for working on a pilot basis and some of them are already functioning. As soon as the result of the experiments and the economics of working of these units are finally established, the question of extending the scheme to other areas will be taken up.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : How many of these units are functioning and where are they functioning?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : They are working in Coimbatore, Kavandanpadi.